

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the Office Action of December 9, 2010. This Amendment is in full response thereto. Thus, Applicants respectfully request continued examination and allowance of the application.

Claims 13-18 and 20 are pending in this application. Claims 14, 16-18, and 20 are amended and claims 1-12, 19, and 21 are canceled.

First Claim Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103:

Claims 11, 12, 14 and 16-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ettlinger (USPN 6,595,382) in view of Immel, et al. (US Pub. 2004/0195246). Applicants have canceled claims 11-12, 19, and 21 and amended claims 14 and 16-18, and 20 to depend from allowable claim 13. Thus, the rejection may be withdrawn.

Second Claim Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103:

Claims 11, 12, 14, 16 and 18-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ettlinger (USPN 6,595,382) in view of Reese (USPN 3,155,265). Applicants have canceled claims 11-12, 19, and 21 and amended claims 14, 16, 18, and 20 to depend from allowable claim 13. Thus, the rejection may be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, it is believed that the present application now stands in condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited. Should the examiner believe a telephone call would expedite the prosecution of the application, he/she is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

Applicant has contemporaneously submitted a Petition for a Two Month Extension of Time along with the associated fee. Otherwise, it is believed that no fee is due at this time. If that belief is incorrect, please debit deposit account number 01-1375. Also, the Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment to deposit account number 01-1375.

Respectfully submitted,

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